

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A toner comprising:  
toner particles that are manufactured by a wet granulating method and contain a binder resin and a colorant; and  
an external additive comprising composite oxide fine particles having a specific surface area of not more than 300 m<sup>2</sup>/g, ~~that contain two kinds or more of metal atoms selected from the group consisting of metal atoms that belong to 4A to 7A groups, 8 group and 1B to 4B groups in the long period type element periodic table~~ each of the composite oxide fine particles contain a Si atom and at least one atom of a metal selected from the group consisting of Ti, Zr, Fe, Nb, V, W, Sn and Ge.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1, wherein the composite oxide fine particles comprises a Si atom and a Ti atom.
5. (Original) The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner particles are manufactured by a resin-particle association method.

6. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner ~~particle has~~ particles have an average degree of roundness of not less than 0.950.

7. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim 6, wherein the toner ~~particle has~~ particles have an average degree of roundness of 0.950 - 0.980.

8. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein the specific surface area is 30 - 250 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

9. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein the composite oxide fine particles are constituted by two kinds of metal oxides and the ratio of contents between one metal oxide and the other metal oxide is set to 1 : 9 to 9 : 1.

10. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein the composite oxide fine particles are subjected to a hydrophobizing process to have a degree of hydrophobicity of not less than 20%.

11. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein the content of composite oxide fine particles is in a range of 0.1 to 3.0 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the toner particles.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The toner according to claim 1, wherein the colorant is a pigment and the content thereof in the toner particles is in a range of 2 to 20 % by weight with respect to the entire components.

15. (Currently Amended) The toner according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein the toner is a non-magnetic mono-component and negatively chargeable toner.

Claims 16 through 19 (Canceled)

20. (New) The toner according to claim 4, wherein the toner particles have an average degree of roundness of not less than 0.950.

21. (New) The toner according to claim 4, wherein the toner particles have an average degree of roundness of 0.950-0.980.

22. (New) The toner according to claim 20, wherein the specific surface area is 30-250 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

23. (New) The toner according to claim 20, wherein the composite oxide fine particles are constituted by two kinds of metal oxides and the ratio of contents between one metal oxide and the other metal oxide is set to 1:9 to 9:1.

24. (New) The toner according to claim 20, wherein the composite oxide fine particles are subjected to a hydrophobizing process to have a degree of hydrophobicity of not less than 20%.

25. (New) The toner according to claim 20, wherein the content of composite oxide fine particles is in a range of 0.1 to 3.0 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the toner particles.

26. (New) The toner according to claim 20, wherein the colorant is a pigment and the content thereof in the toner particles is in a range of 2 to 20% by weight with respect to the entire components.

27. (New) The toner according to claim 20, wherein the toner is a non-magnetic mono-component and negatively chargeable toner.

28. (New) A toner for forming a full color image comprising: toner particles that are manufactured by a wet granulating method and contain a binder resin and a colorant; and composite oxide fine particles having a specific surface area of not more than  $300 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ , wherein each of the composite oxide fine particles contains at least two metal atoms selected from metals of the group consisting of Si, Ti, Zr, Fe, Nb, V, W, Sn and Ge, wherein the composite oxide fine particles is externally added to the toner particles.